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BELIEVE BFS HAS MISSED POINT OF TUNIS REFTEL. EMBASSY CONSIDERS PROPOSED O'DONNELL PROJECT TOO SENSITIVE POLITICALLY TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN TUNISIA NOW. LE WOULD THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT FOLLOW NORMAL PROCEDURE IN THIS CASE UNTIL WE CHECKED OUT PROJECT WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MOFA) FOR POLITICAL SENSITIVITY. ONLY WHEN WE HAD CLEARANCE FROM MOFA WOULD WE THEN APPROACH THE APPROPRIATE MINISTRY (WHICH NOT MOFA), I.E. REVERT TO NORMAL PROCEDURE. FOR REASONS EXPLAINED PARA 2 REFTEL, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH RAISE MATTER WITH MOFA LEST WE SET PRECEDENT THAT COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT FUTURE RESEARCH PROJECTS. NET RESULT IS THAT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PREPARED SUBMIT THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT TO TUNISIANS IN ANY MINISTRY AT THIS TIME.
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